AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following:

Figure 1 is a diagram of a quilting frame apparatus in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following:

Figure 3 is a diagram depicting a mechanism used to adjust the viewing angle of a quilting frame apparatus in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following:

Figure 4 is a diagram depicting a quilting frame apparatus in a folded position in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following:

Figure 4 is a diagram depicting quilting frame apparatus 100 having been folded into a compact configuration for storage. Support pins 124 and 126 are lifted out of support forks 128 and 130, and the inner/outer frame assembly (comprising outer pieces 102, 104, 106, and 108 and inner frame 110) is lowered by the rotation of rotating arms 124 and 126 about bolt and wingnut assemblies 402 and 302. The inner/outer frame assembly is further positioned, by way of pivoting at bolt and wingnut assemblies 404 and 304, so that the geometric plane defined by inner frame 110 is approximately parallel to the vertical direction. The inner/outer frame assembly partially rests upon support posts 128 and 130 at spacers 116 and 118.

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Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following:

Figure 5 is a diagram depicting quilting frame apparatus 100 as configured for use during the quilting process. A quilt 500 is draped over inner frame 110 (not shown). Outer pieces 102, 104, 106, and 108 are positioned over quilt 500 and connected so as to form an outer frame that holds quilt 500 securely against inner frame 110. Quilt 500 is thus held by quilting frame apparatus 100 in a relatively taught fashion to permit the user of quilting frame apparatus 100 to have a rectangular and approximately planar surface of quilt 500 to work with, while also allowing the user access to the reverse side of quilt 500, as is necessary for hand stitching.

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